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SUMMARY: AT SEPTEMBER 16 MEETING, POLADS CONTINUED DISCUSSION OF JOINT BILATERAL DECLARATIONS OF PRINCIPLES WITH WP COUNTRIES. SOVIETS HAVE ASKED ITALIANS FOR SIGNATURE OF A DECLARATION DURING UPCOMING MOSCOW VISIT BY ITALIAN PRES-CONFIDENTIAL

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IDENT LEONE. BELGIAN, ITALIAN AND ANISH REPS EXPRESSED SKEPTICISM ABOUT UTILITY OF DECLARATIONS. FRENCH REP SAID HIS AUTHORITIES THOUGHT DECLARATIONS COULD PROVE USEFUL. END SUMMARY.

1. AT SEPTEMBER 16 MEETING, POLADS CONTINUED THEIR EXCHANGE ON NATIONAL POLICIES REGARDING SIGNATURE OF JOINT DECLARATIONS OF PRINCIPLES WITH WARSAW PACT COUNTRIES. BELGIAN REP (CZE-TWERTYNSKI) REPORTED THAT PRIOR TO CSCE HIS GOVERNMENT HAD SIGNED SUCH DOCUMENTS WHEN THE OTHER SIDE INSISTED. IN FUTURE, HOWEVER, BRUSSELS BELIEVES THE ALLIES SHOULD TAKE A FIRM AND COORDINATED POSITION CONCERNING DECLARATIONS IN THE FACE OF SUCH INSISTENCE. IN PARTICULAR, IF THE OTHER SIDE SEEKS REFERENCES TO THE CSCE FINAL DOCUMENT, THE ALLIES SHOULD BE CAREFUL THAT SUCH REFERENCES NOT UNDERMINE THE WESTERN INTERPRETATION OF CSCE, PARTICULARLY ON BASKETS II AND III.

2. FRENCH REP (GUELLUY) SAID HIS COUNTRY HAS SIGNED SEVERAL JOINT DECLARATIONS OF PRINCIPLES WITH WP STATES AND HIS AUTHORITIES BELIEVE THAT, WHILE NOT EXAGGERATING THE IMPORTANCE OF DECLARATIONS, SUCH DOCUMENTS CAN PLAY A USEFUL ROLE. PARIS POINTS OUT THAT CSCE WAS THE RESULT OF AN IMPROVEMENT IN EAST-WEST RELATIONS, BUT REPRESENTS A "LOWEST COMMON DENOMINATOR". BILATERAL DECLARATIONS CAN PROVIDE A MEANS FOR "DEEPENING" THE DETENTE PROCESS.

3. ITALIAN REP (FERRETTI) SAID ITALY HAS SIGNED ONLY ONE SUCH DOCUMENT, I.E., WITH ROMANIA IN 1973. THE USSR HAS TWICE REQUESTED SUCH A DOCUMENT FROM ITALY, MOST RECENTLY DURING PREPARATIONS FOR THE UPCOMING VISIT TO MOSCOW BY PRESIDENT LEONE. FERRETTI SAID HIS AUTHORITIES' INITIAL REACTION TO THE SOVIET PROPOSAL WAS NEGATIVE, BUT HE STRESSED THAT A FINAL DECISION HAD NOT BEEN TAKEN. BY WAY OF BACKGROUND, FERRETTI EXPLAINED THAT THE 1973 DECLARATION WITH ROMANIA HAD BEEN CONCLUDED BECAUSE OF ITALY'S LONG-STANDING CULTURAL TIES WITH THAT COUNTRY, AS WELL AS BUCHAREST'S "SPECIAL POSITION" WITHIN THE WARSAW PACT. HE COMMENTED ROMANIAN-ITALIAN RELATIONS DO NOT SEEM TO HAVE BEEN SIGNIFICANTLY AFFECTED BY THE DECLARATION. IN THE WAKE OF CSCE, THE ITALIAN AUTHORITIES THINK SUCH DECLARATIONS CONFIDENTIAL

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ARE SUPERFLUOUS AND MIGHT BE DANGEROUS IF THEY SERVE TO WEAKEN THE CSCE FINAL DOCUMENT.

4. DANISH REP (MORCH) SAID HIS COUNTRY HAS NOT SIGNED DECLARATIONS, NOR HAS IT BEEN ASKED TO. HIS AUTHORITIES DOUBT THE UTILITY OF SUCH DOCUMENTS, ESPECIALLY AFTER CSCE. BRUCE

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